



Welcome to Urbana First United Methodist Church!

Our mission is to journey with people to get them connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; to one another; and to the community, through intentional discipleship!

January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

The King is Here

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: White

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

PRELUDE

We Are God's People

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Frank, *Liturgist*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Stir up your might, O God, and come to save us!

Emmanuel—God with us.

Restore us, O God. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Emmanuel—God with us.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist

All: Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Praise the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not know his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

+THE APOSTLES CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel, God With Us
(c. C. Nockels, N. Nockels)

Steven Crook, *soloist*

+PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERING

UMH no. 95

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:1-17

Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM

Praise the Lord

Sanctuary Choir

(c. W.A. Mozart, arr. H. Hopson)

THE MESSAGE

The King is Here

Rev. Robert K. Freeman, *directing pastor*

TIME OF REFLECTION

You are invited to come and pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, or remain where you are for a time of contemplation and reflection during the musical selection.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH no. 204

1. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (*Repeat*)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+ *Please stand as you are able*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 1:1-17, The Genealogy of Jesus (ESV)

¹The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.



SERMON NOTES | The King is Here | Matthew 1:1-17, 18-25

Jesus' genealogy and birth reveal His identity as the promised Messiah and Emmanuel, God with us.

ME: How does knowing the people of Christ's genealogy help me see what God may be saying today to our community?

WE: In what ways can we as a church community offer assurance to those who feel unwanted or unnoticed by God or the church?

GOD: What is God helping me to understand about Matthew 1:1-17 today?



Urbana First UMC News and Announcements

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In prayer, we share our hearts. We also pause to listen for wisdom and guidance. As John Wesley wrote, "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God."

Please be in prayer for these members & friends of the Urbana First Community:

- Special prayers for the following people: Pat Cox (retired clergy- healing), Shandra Summerville (surgery), Edward Thomas (healing), Betty Newton, Averie Spencer (Infant Health Issues) and Family, Nancy Moser, Nancy Lopeman, Pastor Freeman (neck injury).

BUILDING UPGRADES AND REPAIRS

We are still working towards raising funds to complete the repairs needed to our historic building and Bell Tower Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to this massive project!

We need to raise a total of **\$160,000** to complete this project. To date, through donations and grants, we have raised **\$75,116.85** and for Building Repairs **\$682.00**

Total Raised ball all sources is \$75,798.85

Total Yet to be raised is: \$68,411

Boiler Controls: \$27,000.00	<i>Fully Funded</i> - COMPLETED
Air Conditioner: \$44,000.00	<i>Fully Funded</i> - COMPLETED
Bell Tower Repairs: \$73,000.00	<i>\$68,411</i> still needed for Summer 2025
Gas Meter Outdoor Relocation	<i>Paid by Ameren</i> - COMPLETED


NOISY OFFERING FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Strides is a Champaign Township's low-barrier emergency shelter and resource center for adults experiencing homelessness. Its doors opened in December of 2022.

The program strives to reach a population of community members who are often seen but overlooked. It offers a safe place for people, no matter what they are currently experiencing in life, to be able to stay out of the elements and sleep in a safe environment.

The shelter has a team of case managers and a variety of resources to help guests with matters such as mental health, substance abuse, housing, finding work or training.

Per their request the monies collected will be used to purchase face cloths & bath towels along with female & male underwear. If you want to donate any of these items, in new condition, please place them on the sanctuary hall table and they will be collected each week.

Thank you for showing your love to our struggling brothers & sisters 

This Week at Urbana First

Today, Sunday, January 12, 2025

- 9:15 a.m.—Sunday School (*Library*)
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
10:50 a.m.—Children’s Church
(Dismissed before sermon)
11:45 a.m.—Trustee Meeting (*Library*)

Monday, January 13

- 4:00 p.m.—Men’s Leadership Class (*Study*)
6:00 p.m.—Brotherhood/Sisterhood
(*Parlor*)
6:00 p.m.— Theatre Rehearsal (*3rd Conf.*)
7:15 p.m.—Men’s Life in Christ (*Study*)

Tuesday, January 14

- 5:00 p.m.—People’s Chorus (*Parlor*)
6:00 p.m.— Theatre Rehearsal (*3rd Conf.*)
6:30 p.m.—College Men’s Bible Study
(*Study*)

Wednesday, January 15

- 10:30 a.m.—Morning Bible Study (*Parlor*)
6:00 p.m.—Daycare Board Meeting (*Zoom*)
6:30 p.m.—Men’s Bible Study (*Study*)
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Thursday, January 16

- 6:00 p.m.— Theatre Rehearsal (*3rd Conf.*)

Friday, January 17, Staff Sabbath Day
Office & Church Building Closed

Happy Birthday to:

- Steve Moser—January 9
Pat Smith—January 14
Judith Hinnert—January 15
Reagan Roehl—January 18

Church Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Daycare Hours: 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings (*Meetings are held on Sundays following service, unless noted*)

Daycare Board—Wed., January 15
Administrative Council—January 19
Pastor Parish—January 26
Worship Team—Thurs. January 30



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